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For: **FILTERED GAS PLASMA STERILIZATION  
CONTAINER WITH IMPROVED  
CIRCULATION**

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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

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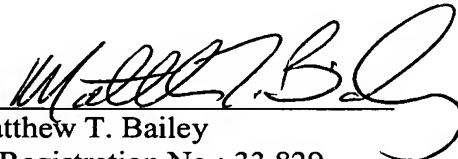
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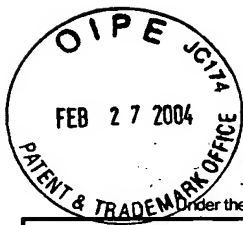
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